

Using the Family Search Wiki to Find Information on Charles Franklin Middaugh 1879 - 1941

According to the records that have been passed to me, Charles Franklin Middaugh was born 28 Jan 1878, in Hepburn, Page, Iowa and died 24 Jun 1941, in Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California. His parents are William M. Middaugh and Valerie Conroe. He was married to Roxie Olive Cranmer, 28 Oct 1900 in Chillicothe, Livingston, Missouri. She was born 15 Sept 1883, in Memphis, Scotland, Missouri. Roxie died 10 Feb 1974, in Pomona, Los Angeles, California. Charles and Roxie are my Great Grandparents on my mother's maternal line.

Knowing Charles died in Los Angeles I started on the Wiki Main Page https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Main_Page I entered California in the search bar and chose the first article about the State of California <https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/California>. I then clicked on the Los Angeles County Link https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Los_Angeles_County_California. Next I clicked on 3.25 Vital Records in the contents box. This took me to the Vital Records section where I clicked on "The California Death Records 1940-1997" which is a link to Rootsweb http://vitals.rootsweb.ancestry.com/ca/death/search.cgi?cj=1&netid=cj&o_xid=0000584978&o_lid=0000584978. In the RootsWeb site in the rectangular box in the middle of the screen I entered Middaugh, Charles and found the index listing for Charles Franklyn Middaugh, <http://vitals.rootsweb.ancestry.com/ca/death/search.cgi?surname=Middaugh&given=&dyear=&dplace=&mlast=&flast=&year=&bplace=&sex=&start=16&stype=Exact>. Besides his death date and place, it lists his mother's maiden name, his father's last name, his sex, place of birth, date of birth, social security number and his age at death. Using the same steps I was also able to find the death index for listing for Roxie O Cranmer under her married name of Middaugh.

Knowing that Charles had come from Missouri, I decided to take a chance and see if there was mention of his death in any of the Missouri Newspapers. At https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Main_Page I entered Missouri in the Wiki search bar. Again choosing the first article listed, which is about the State of Missouri <https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Missouri>. Family records indicated they were from Livingston County, so I chose the Livingston County link. https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Livingston_County_Missouri. In the contents box, I clicked on 4. 10 Newspapers, and found the following link: [Archives of The Chillicothe Constitution Tribune](#) (1889-2009) which provides free access to their newspapers online. I clicked on the link and I was able to search the Digital Archives of the Constitution-Tribune, printed in Chillicothe. I entered Middaugh and the years 1941-1941 in the search bar and was taken to the following link: <http://chillicothe.newspaperarchive.com/PdfViewer.aspx?img=114313927&firstvisit=true&src=search¤tResult=0¤tPage=0>. I learned that Charles had died suddenly of a heart attack. He was a member of the Chillicothe Police Department. The article lists his wife's maiden name and a brother still living in Chillicothe at the time.

Back to the Livingston County Page Contents, this time under the 4.2 Census Records heading I clicked on the "Missouri Census" link. https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Missouri_Census. In the 1930 census I was not able to find Charles and his family either in California or Missouri. I remembered my Grandma, Lois Middaugh married John Jacks and the Jacks were from Kansas, so I decided to check the 1930 census for Kansas. Back to the Wiki main page https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Main_Page, I entered Kansas and selected the first entry "Kansas" <https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Kansas>. Then on to Census in the Kansas Topic list https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Kansas_Census. From the table, I selected "Free", "Family Search", "1930", "indexes" and clicked "Link". Entering Charles Middaugh in the search bar and clicked search. I was taken to an indexed list of Charles Middaugh's in Kansas in the 1930 census <https://www.familysearch.org/search/records/index#count=20&query=%2Bgivenname%3ACharles~%20%2Bsrna>

[me%3AMiddaugh~&collection_id=1810731](https://www.familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/X73T-2QQ). Selecting Charles Middaugh with spouse Olive R Middaugh I found my great-great grandparents listed in Burr Oak, Doniphan, Kansas <https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/X73T-2QQ>. Back to the Wiki main page https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Main_Page, I entered Kansas and selected the first entry "Kansas" <https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Kansas>. Then on to Census in the Kansas Topic list https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Kansas_Census. This time, I selected "Free", "Family Search", "1920", "indexes" and clicked "Link". Entering Charles Middaugh in the search bar I clicked search. I was taken to an indexed list of Charles Middaugh's in The United States in the 1920 census https://www.familysearch.org/search/records/index#count=20&query=%2Bgivenname%3Acharles~%20%2Bsurname%3Amiddaugh~&collection_id=1488411 and found Charles F Middaugh with wife Roxie O Middaugh and family in Buchanan County, Missouri <https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/M84S-YYW>. So, if you are not sure which state your family lived in during a specific census year it is still possible to find them.

Using the same process I then searched the 1910 census index and found Charles and his family in Livingston County. <https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/M2BS-77H>. In the 1900 census <https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/M3ZK-MWX> I found Charles living with his brother John Alfred and family. If I want paper copies of these census records I can go to the Family Search Center in Ogden and use Ancestry.com to print the actual image or use my library card and access Heritage Quest from home to print the image.

I decided to take a small side trip and see what other information I could find on the Middaugh line in Livingston County. I found information on several Middaugh's, but decided to look more specifically for Charles' brother John Alfred, since he had lived with him in 1900.

Using the Livingston County Wiki page https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Livingston_County,_Missouri contents box I selected 4.10 "Newspapers" and was taken to the link: Archives of The Chillicothe Constitution Tribune (1889-2009) printed in Chillicothe. Searching for "John Middaugh" I found the following obituary <http://chillicothe.newspaperarchive.com/PdfViewer.aspx?img=114332701&firstvisit=true&src=search¤tResult=0¤tPage=0>, showing that John Middaugh died Wednesday 29 September 1948.

I then went back to the Livingston County page https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Livingston_County,_Missouri and again looked under vital records 4.13 https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Livingston_County,_Missouri#Vital_Records. Clicking on the link to Missouri Death Certificates <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/deathcertificates/>, I next clicked on Search Death Certificate Database. I then I entered the name John Middaugh in the search bar and found 3 John Middaugh's with one "John A" dying in Livingston County. The view image button displayed the death certificate that can be printed at http://www.sos.mo.gov/images/archives/deathcerts/1948/1948_00033482.PDF. Just below the link for John Alfred's death certificate was a link for a John L. Middaugh http://www.sos.mo.gov/images/archives/deathcerts/1941/1941_00038135.PDF. This certificate indicated that the father of the deceased John L Middaugh was the John Alfred I was originally researching. A newspaper article stating that this John L. was killed in an automobile accident was located by using the Chillicothe newspaper archives <http://chillicothe.newspaperarchive.com/PdfViewer.aspx?img=114315043&firstvisit=true&src=search¤tResult=2¤tPage=0>. Back at the Livingston County page https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Livingston_County,_Missouri and using the Coroner's Inquest link under the Vital Records Section I was able to find out how to get a copy of the Coroner's Inquest into the death of John L. (Lewis) Middaugh <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/coroners>.

The parents of Charles Franklin Middaugh are William M. Middaugh. He was born Apr 1821 in Indiana and died 14 Mar 1905 in Livingston County, Missouri. William married Valarie Conroe. They were married Sept Of 1855 in Iowa. Valarie was born Nov 1833 in Indiana. She died 29 Mar 1905 in Livingston County, Missouri. This couple represents a brick wall so I decided to start using the census' to follow Charles back through the years and in the process I may be able to break through my brick wall.

As a side note using Google images putting "Charles Franklin Middaugh" in quotes I was directed to this page:

http://www.google.com/search?tbm=isch&hl=en&source=hp&biw=1579&bih=706&q=Charles+franklin+Middaugh&gbv=2&oq=Charles+franklin+Middaugh&aq=f&aql=&gs_l=img.12...1913.7720.0.9859.25.17.0.8.8.0.153.2262.1j16.17.0...0.0.mz3JZcfJqTo#hl=en&gbv=2&tbm=isch&sa=1&q=%22Charles+franklin+Middaugh%22&oq=%22Cha

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and it brought up a couple of pictures of Charles and his wife Roxie. I knew the pictures existed but finding them with Google Images was interesting.